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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed January 2, 2001 for the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A non-porous catheter balloon comprising permeable, porous expanded polytetrafluoroethylene having a microstructure of nodes interconnected by fibrils and provided with a non-porous coating over the porous expanded polytetrafluoroethylene to render the balloon non-porous.

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of parent US 6,027,779 (SN 08/247,960), which is a CIP of US 6,025,044 (SN. 08/204,708), which is a CIP of US SN. 08/108,963, pending. The issued patents are referred to hereinafter as the parent patents. A terminal disclaimer was submitted previously with regard to the issue of double patenting pertaining to the parent patents.

Claim 1 is further amended herein to specify that the porous PTFE is porous expanded PTFE having a microstructure of nodes interconnected by fibrils (see Fig. 1 for basis). It is also amended to specify that the non-porous coating renders the balloon non-porous (consistent with the claim preamble and as suggested by the Examiner). Finally, claim 1 is amended to specify that the porous expanded PTFE is permeable (through its thickness); basis is at col. 1, lines 37-38